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For: CHEMICAL AMPLIFICATION RESIST COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and examination of the above-identified application, please amend this application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) The resist composition of claim 2, further comprising (E) a basic compound.

REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claim in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) The resist composition of claim 2-~~or~~3, further comprising (E) a basic compound.

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